

REMARKS

Introductory Comments

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and arguments set forth is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-14 are pending and under consideration. Claim 14 has been allowed. By way of this Amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-13 have been deleted as discussed in more detail below.

Applicants thank the Examiner for stating that claim 14 is free of prior art.

Grounds of Rejection:

The following rejections have been made in the present application:

1. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph;
2. The rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph;
3. The rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,214, 986;
4. The rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,646,008;
5. The rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Boise et al., *Cell*, 74:567-608 (August 27, 1993); and
6. The rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Munchmore et al., *Nature*, 381:335-341 (May 23, 1996).

While not agreeing with any of the above grounds of rejection 1-6, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 1-8 and 10-13.

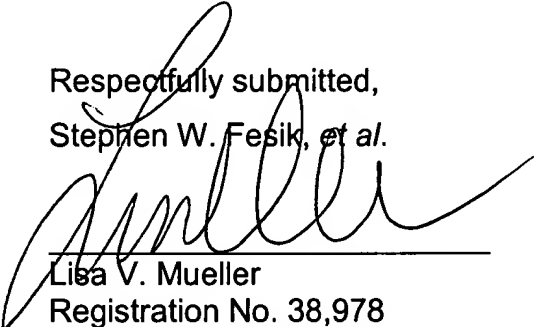
Applicants intend to pursue claims 1-8 and 10-13 in a continuation application.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. If the Examiner notes any further matters which the Examiner believes may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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